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PANCHAYAT SANCHAR SEVA YOJNA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Panchayat Sanchar Seva Yojna (PSSY) was launched in 1995;

(b) if so, the number of PSSY Kendras functioning the country alongwith assessment of their performance during the last three years and till date, State-wise;

(c) the number of Gram Panchayats of Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh expressing their willingness to introduce the said scheme in their respective areas; and

(d) the details of the PSSY Kendras proposed to be set up in the Gram Panchayats of the Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh during 2004-2005?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are currently 7375 Panchayat Sanchar Seva Kendras (PSSKs) functioning in the country, which undertake the sale of stamps and stationery, and registration of letters. In a few cases they also deliver ordinary letters. Review undertaken of the performance of the Panchayat Sanchar Seva Kendras last year indicates the need to modify the scheme in terms of the scope of products and services provided through the Panchayat Sanchar Seva Kendras, to improve the supervision and monitoring over them, and the connectivity with the postal network. The restructuring of the scheme is on the anvil.

(c) 36 Gram Panchayats Villages of Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh have expressed their willingness to introduce Panchayat Sanchar Seva Kendras in their respective areas, but only 22 villages have submitted applications to this effect.

(d) Out of the 22 applications received, 19 have been found to be justified. The question of opening them can be taken up only after a final view is taken regarding restructuring the scheme.